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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING: DEMARCHE TO GOC

REF: (A) BOGOTA 7979; (B) STATE 213317

1. RECENT MEDIA REFERENCES TO COMMENTS ON STARR CASE BY COLOMBIAN MILITARY OFFICERS MAY OFFER AN OPPORTUNE BASIS FOR EMBASSY TO REITERATE TO NEW COLOMBIAN ADMINISTRATION OUR CONCERN THAT MILITARY ACTION MIGHT JEOPARDIZE STARR'S SAFETY. WE ARE INTERESTED IN DETERMINING WHETHER COLOMBIAN TROOPS ACTUALLY MADE SPECIFIC EFFORTS TO LOCATE STARR'S ABDUCTORS OR OBTAIN HIS RELEASE.

2. IN A BROADER CONTEXT, SUCH DISCUSSION AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN THE GOC WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE OUR BASIC POLICY ON TERRORISM WHILE TAKING COGNIZANCE OF THE EXTREME DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE
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COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES IN SUCH SITUATIONS.REFERENCE ALSO COULD BE MADE TO OUR HOPE THAT THE GOC WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MRS. JENSEN'S DIRE PREDICAMENT AND NOTWITHSTANDING

THE FIRM POLICY OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO REFUSE TO ACCEDE TO TERRORIST DEMANDS ALLOW A DISTRAUGHT MOTHER TO TRY TO OBTAIN HER SON'S RELEASE.

3. BEGIN FYI: COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES ALREADY KNOW THAT
EMBASSY BOGOTA HAS ESTABLISHED A LINE OF COMMUNICATION
WITH THE FARC AND PROBABLY KNOW THAT PC DIRECTOR SORZANO
IS THE POINT OF CONTACT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD
BE ASSURED THAT THE UNDERSTANDING WE HAD WITH THE PREVIOUS
ADMINISTRATION HAS CARRIED OVER TO THE PRESENT ONE. THIS
IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN VIEW OF THE QUOTE LAW AND
ORDER UNQUOTE THEME ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT TURBAY. END FYI.
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